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## Europe

### European Commission

EU Teachers Agenda – enhancing the attractiveness of the education and training profession: As part of the preparation process, a Call for Evidence is now open, to give feedback.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/18872-EU-Teachers-Agenda-enhancing-the-attractiveness-of-the-education-and-training-profession_en

### Cedefop

By 2035, up to a third of EU low-skill jobs could vanish while training barriers leave vulnerable workers at risk

https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/2035-third-eu-low-skill-jobs-could-vanish-while-training-barriers-leave-vulnerable-workers-risk

### European Training Foundation

Four days in Turin: building a shared future for Palestine's TVET teachers

https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/news-and-events/news/four-days-turin-building-shared-future-palestines-tvet-teachers

# International

## ILO

ILO launches career guidance and counselling campaign for 750 university students and job seekers in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/ilo-launches-career-guidance-and-counselling-campaign-750-university

Global Employment Trends for Youth 2026. Youth unemployment rises as young people face a harder road to decent work.

https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/youth-unemployment-rises-young-people-face-harder-road-decent-work

Cambodia advances digital and industrial skills through ILO/China South-South Cooperation. Training equips Cambodian technical and vocational education and training (TVET) instructors with industrial automation and digital construction skills to support the country's manufacturing and construction sectors

https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/cambodia-advances-digital-and-industrial-skills-through-ilochina-south

## OECD

Working paper: Towards a stronger link between PISA and PIAAC. Two assessments, one story?

https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/towards-a-stronger-link-between-pisa-and-piaac_95e96165-en.html

## UNESCO

Empowering Minds, Transforming Lives: A Global MOOC on the Ethics of AI

https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/empowering-minds-transforming-lives-global-mooc-ethics-ai

## VET research

Newly published in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education (ORE): 'Collective Skill Formation in Europe' – an article on the joint shaping of vocational skills development by the state, businesses and social partners.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/412273519_Collective_Skill_Formation_in_Europe

## Countries

### Austria

The study “Unequal Paths Towards the Future? Young People’s Future Life Goals After Compulsory Secondary School in Vienna and Goal Development over Time” by Paul Malschinger was awarded the 2026 Austrian Vocational Education and Training Research Prize by the Federal Ministry of Education. It examines how young people in Vienna plan their future as they make the transition from school to working life. The findings show that the importance attached to goals relating to family, career and friendship remains surprisingly stable during this stage of life.

https://www.bbfk.at/forschungspreis/forschungspreis-2026

Development of the new curricula for commercial schools

https://www.hak.cc/die-hak-has/haktuell/post/erarbeitung-der-neuen-lehrplaene-fuer-kaufmaennische-schulen-bildungsminister-wiederkehr-informiert

The AMS Vienna has commissioned an ongoing evaluation of its ‘Step by Step’ pilot project, which has been running since 2023 and is designed to help people who have been unemployed for more than five years find work.

https://www.ams.at/regionen/wien/news/2026/06/erfolgreiche-vermittlung-von-menschen-mit-mehrjaehriger-arbeitsl

### China

Shanghai steps onto the global stage for skills

https://worldskills2026.com/shanghai-steps-onto-the-global-stage-for-skills/

### Denmark

Education in Denmark: New AI rules come into force in schools

https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/unterricht-in-daenemark-an-schulen-gelten-neue-ki-regeln-100.html

### Estonia

Kristina Kallas, Minister for Education and Research, emphasised that secondary vocational education is an equally valid option for further education alongside upper secondary education, and that 32 new four-year curricula for secondary vocational education have been introduced in vocational education and training institutions.

https://hm.ee/uudised/kristina-kallas-uha-rohkem-noori-valib-kutseoppe

## Finland

Web dossier by the German Education Server on educational research in Finland

https://www.bildungsserver.de/nachricht.html?nachricht_id=2589

## Hungary

Artificial Intelligence becomes a new subject in VET schools

https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/hungary-artificial-intelligence-becomes-new-subject-vet-schools

## Japan

Dementia awareness training in schools

https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/japan-demenztraining-in-der-schule-100.html

## Latvia

Vocational education and training as a reform priority for 2026

https://www.fm.gov.lv/lv/2-profesionala-izglitiba-izm-2026-gads

The latest amendments to the Vocational Training Act relate, amongst other things, to the funding, accreditation and organisation of vocational education and training institutions, and some of them will come into force in 2026/27.

https://www.vestnesis.lv/op/2026/97.8

Among other things, the ongoing reform provides for closer links between government training planning, labour market forecasts and funding. It was announced as early as autumn 2025 that funding would be aligned more closely with a model in which the government sets training requirements and target indicators, and the institutions tailor their provision accordingly.

https://retv.lv/izglitiba/parmainas-sagaida-ari-profesionalas-izglitibas-iestades/

## Norway

The report presents the results and outcomes of the InternAbroad projects at the end of the project period and examines longer-term effects of participation

https://hkdir.no/en/reports-ongoing-surveys-and-statistics/the-internabroad-programme-outputs-and-effects

### Poland

The Minister of Education signed a regulation, amending the regulation on the core curricula for vocational sectoral education and training and on additional vocational skills in selected vocational education and training programmes. It will come into force on 1 September 2026.

https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja/nowe-i-zmienione-podstawy-programowe-ksztalcenia-w-zawodach-szkolnictwa-branzowego--rozporzadzenie-podpisane2

### Sweden

The International Handbook of Vocational Education and Training – Sweden has been published

https://www.bibb.de/dienst/publikationen/en/21111

### Switzerland

The apprenticeship situation and the management of vocational training: Strategic impetus for Basel-Stadt

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/412123549_Lehrstellensituation_und_Steuerung_der_Berufsbildung_Strategische_Impulse_fur_Basel-Stadt

### Uzbekistan

SOCIEUX+ is looking for experts for the following call in Uzbekistan: TVET Quality Assurance and Institutional Development Expert (Principal Expert) and Inclusive Vocational Training and Trainer Competency Expert. The calls are published within the SOCIEUX+ Action “Strengthening Inclusive and Employment-Oriented Vocational Training Systems for Youth and Persons with Disabilities through Institutional Capacity Building”, implemented with the International Inclusive Hub under the National Agency for Social Protection.

https://socieux.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/ToREx_EN-2026-12-UZB-A1-2026-08-12.pdf

## Save the Date

08/09/2026: The international launch of the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2025 report. Education and Skills global webinar

https://www.oecd.org/en/events/2026/09/the-launch-of-the-oecd-programme-for-international-student-assessment-pisa-2025-report.html

23-25/09/2026: WorldSkills Conference 2026. Shaping a skills-driven future in the National Exhibition and Convention Center (NECC), Shanghai, China

https://worldskillsconference2026.com/

29/09/2026: Education at a Glance 2026. Education and Skills global webinar.

https://www.oecd.org/en/events/2026/09/education-at-a-glance-2026.html

15/10/2026: Call for abstracts by 15 October 2026 in the run-up to the 2027 joint Cedefop/OECD apprenticeship symposium *Apprenticeships in the age of AI*. *Rethinking pathways to qualifications, skills and work*.

https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/news/call-abstracts-apprenticeships-age-ai

05/11/2026: The International Conference on Research in Technological and Vocational Education: iCREATVE - 2026 iCREATVE will feature five parallel technical sessions and five panel discussions.

https://uovt.ac.lk/icreatve

23-28/11/2026: The Association of Technical Universities and Polytechnics in Africa (ATUPA) hosts the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) Leadership Institute (November 21 – 22), Youth Congress (November 23-26) and World Congress (November 23-26). UNISA UNEVOC Centre is part of the planning committee for the event in Nairobi, Kenya

https://wfcp.org/our-work/world-congress/upcoming-congress/

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